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SUBJ: SECURITY OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE - ANKARA

REF: A. STATE 197799 (NOTAL)  
B. ANKARA A-44 OF 6/26/78  
C. ANKARA MSRS FOR JUNE AND JULY

1. POST OFFICIALS HAVE REVIEWED ITEMS IN REF B AND FEEL  
THEY ARE STILL NECESSARY.

2. LOCAL CONTRACT GUARD COMPANIES DO NOT EXIST IN ANKARA.  
THE EMBASSY HAS MADE SOME HEADWAY IN HIRING FORMER JAN-  
DARMA SOLDIERS AS CONTRACT GUARDS. THE JANDARMA IS THE  
MILITARY GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN RURAL  
AREAS WHERE THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP) DO NOT EXIST.  
RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN TASKED WITH PROVIDING CONTROL ON  
CAMPUSES AND RIOT CONTROL FUNCTIONS, IN MAJOR CITIES.

3. AS DESCRIBED IN REF C, PM ECEVIT HAS FINALLY RECOG-  
NIZED THE NEED FOR REFORM OF THE TNP. AT THE PM'S BEHEST,  
A BRITISH POLICE TEAM RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY OF THE  
TNP AND A DETERMINATION OF WHAT WILL BE NEEDED SO THAT  
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IT CAN MEET A MAJOR INTERNAL THREAT.

4. THE ESSENCE OF THE PROBLEM AT THE RESIDENCE IS THAT  
THE CALIBER OF LOCAL GUARDS TO MEET OUR STANDARDS ON THE  
BASIS OF WHICH MSGS COULD BE REPLACED IS SIMPLY LACKING  
AND SUCH A TRADE-OFF IS NOT FEASIBLE AT THIS TIME. LOCAL  
TNP AND JANDARMA PRESENTLY DO NOT MEET THEIR OWN

COUNTRY'S PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, LET ALONE U.S. STANDARDS, WHICH ARE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER. EMBASSY CONTRACT GUARDS USUALLY HAVE ONLY GRADE SCHOOL EDUCATIONS, NO ENGLISH CAPABILITY, AND LIMITS TO THEIR COMPREHENSION. THUS, THE CONTRACT GUARDS WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR PERFORMING MARINE GUARD DUTIES SUCH AS MONITORING CCTV, CONVERSING WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY, AND CARRYING WEAPONS.

5. ALTHOUGH THE PM AND THE GOT RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A MORE PROFESSIONAL TNP, WHETHER THEY RELIGIOUSLY FOLLOW THE BRITISH TEAMS' RECOMMENDATIONS REMAINS TO BE SSN. THEY HAVE MADE A FEW POSITIVE STEPS RECENTLY, BUT THE QUALITY OF TURKEY'S INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES REMAINS MANY YEARS AWAY FROM APPROACHING OUR STANDARDS.  
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